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### Amendments

Please amend this application as follows:

#### In the Claims:

Please (a) rewrite Claims 5 and 15~17; (b) cancel Claims 7~12 and 14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof; and (c) add new Claims 18~36.

The requested amendments to Claims 5 and 15~17 are shown below in the attached **Appendix A** (pages 8~11) in a marked-up version of those claims, as required by 37 CFR §1.121(c). Deletions are shown by strike-through, and additions are shown by underlining. New Claims 18~36 are also shown in **Appendix A**. **Appendix A** also contains a complete listing of all other claims showing the status thereof.

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In the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings furnish clearer copies of Figs. 3a, 4a, 7a and 7b that will enable better quality reproduction, and replace the respective versions of those figures currently on file.